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1. There is a conflict between General Chase of the MAAG and CHIANG Kai-shek over CHIANG's sons, CHIANG Ching-kuo, who is in charge of the Political Department of the Ministry of National Defense, and CHIANG Wei-kuo, who is commander of the Nationalist Armored Corps. It is General Chase's opinion that the MAAG should exercise more actual control over the Political Department and that the armored corps should be an independent organization as are the air force and the navy. General Chase also feels that CHIANG Wei-kuo should be replaced by a more experienced veteran officer.
2. General Chase's chief opposition to the Political Department lies in the fact that it is a secret service organization and hence is undemocratic. CHIANG Ching-kuo feels, however, that his department will have a tremendous effect on the morale of Nationalist troops and that it is indispensable in its present form.
3. SUN Li-jen has entered into this controversy on the side of General Chase and, in fact, urged General Chase to approach CHIANG on these matters. By 7 August CHIANG had made no decision.
4. CHIANG Ching-kuo has stated that he is aware that he is being denounced for his program of indoctrination in the armed forces. CHIANG stated that the purpose of his program was merely to tell the individual soldier why and what he was fighting for. CHIANG stated that if he had an American background instead of fourteen years in Soviet Russia he would be praised for his political education instead of being denounced for being an imitator of the Communist indoctrination.

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